THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): Okay. Shri Thirunavukkarasar, are you speaking? ...*(Interruptions)*...

MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION

VANDALISATION OF STATUE OF MUTHURAMALINGA THEVAR CAUSING TENSION IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TAMIL NADU

SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR (Madhya Pradesh): Sir, in Madurai, Tamil Nadu, the statue of Muthuramalinga Thevar ...*(Interruption)*... Lot of tension is there. ...*(Interruptions)*... He was one of the ...*(Interruptions)*... The culprits should be punished. ...*(Interruptions)*...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): Ahluwaliaji. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Sir, proper protection should be given to the statue. ...*(Interruptions)*...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): Shri Vijayaraghavan. ...*(Interruptions)*...

GOVERNMENT'S REFUSAL TO RESTORE THE CUT IN ALLOCATION OF FOODGRAINS TO THE STATES

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN (Kerala): Sir, I want to raise an important issue relating to ...*(Interruptions)*... Kerala is facing acute food shortage. ...*(Interruptions)*... We have a statutory ration system right from 1964 onwards. ...*(Interruptions)*... Sir, recently, the Government has reduced our quota of foodgrains from 1,25,000 tonnes to 21,000 tonnes....*(Interruptions)*... Kerala is a State which is producing cash crops like rubber. ...*(Interruptions)*... Sir, we are producing only 15 per cent of foodgrains. ...*(Interruptions)*... Sir, there has been a commitment from the Central Government to allot sufficient foodgrains to be distributed through ration shops in Kerala. ...*(Interruptions)*... Since 1964, such a system had been there in Kerala ...*(Interruptions)*... and the Central Government had been giving foodgrains to Kerala to be supplied to the eligible people through the Public Distribution System. ...*(Interruptions)*... Thanking you, Sir.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): The House is adjourned to meet at 2.00 P.M.

The House then adjourned at thirty-five minutes past twelve of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at two of the clock.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN) in the Chair.

GOVERNMENT BILL

The Central Universities Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2008

DR. V. MAITREYAN: Sir, we want the Prime Minister to come to the house. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): No, no. Shrimati D. Purandeswari to move the Bill. ...*(Interruptions)*... Only what Shrimati Purandeswari says will go on record, nothing else. ...*(Interruptions)*...

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): Sir, I beg to move:

> That the Bill further to amend the Banaras Hindu University Act, 1915, the Delhi University Act, 1922, the Jawaharlal Nehru University Act, 1966, the North-Eastern Hill University Act, 1973 and the University of Hyderabad Act, 1974, be taken into consideration.

Sir, although the recommendations of the Committee on Papers to be Laid on the Table of the House was specifically with regard to the Banaras Hindu University Act, it has been decided that we should make uniform provision in all the Acts which have established Central Universities in various parts of the country wherein, similar provisions, which were mandatory for the annual report and the audited accounts to be placed on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament and presented to the Houses are not being mandatory, do not exist ...*(Interruptions)*... Accordingly, through this amending Act, it is proposed to make it obligatory for laying the annual reports and audited accounts of five Central universities just mentioned, and may I once again inform the House that though it was not mandatory, we have been doing it. ...*(Interruptions)*... and through this, the uniformity of procedure in respect of the Central universities ...*(Interruptions)*... We have already been doing this by laying the annual reports and audited accounts of all Central universities on the Table of the Houses, and the present Act only seeks to formalize, through legislative intervention, this practice and make legally obligatory provisions, in this regard ...*(Interruptions)*...

The question was proposed.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): Dr. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan, do you want to speak? ...*(Interruptions)*... Nothing except what the Member, who is allowed by me to speak, will go on record. ...*(Interruptions)*...

DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN (Tamil Nadu): Yes, Sir. Sir, I support the Central Universities Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2008 fully because the Central enactment gives power to the Parliament to look at the accountability part. ...*(Interruptions)*... The Central Universities are very much useful for the North-Eastern States ...*(Interruptions)*... I fully support this Bill. It is very much needed in the present State of affairs. Thank you. ...*(Interruptions)*...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): Shri Lalit Kishore Chaturvedi. Do you want to speak? ...*(Interruptions)*... Shri Brij Bhushan Tiwari. Do you want to speak? ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI (Uttar Pradesh): Yes Sir. उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं इस बिल का समर्थन करता हूं ...(व्यवधान)... इस संबंध में मुझे कहना यह है कि बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय पर सन् 1965 में एक संशोधन विधेयक सदन में रखा गया था, परंतु बाद में वह संशोधन विधेयक भी वापस ले लिया गया और प्रवर समिति को सौंप दिया गया ...(व्यवधान)... उसके बाद आज तक बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय में कोई एक्ट नहीं है, केवल अध्यादेश से ही वह विश्वविद्यालय चल रहा है ...(व्यवधान)... । वहां कोई छात्र संघ नहीं है और न तो अध्यापकों का ही कोई association वहां है ...(व्यवधान)... इसलिए मैं चाहता हूं कि वहां एक्ट लाया जाए ...(व्यवधान)... और अनुशासन बहाल किया जाए।

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT (West Bengal): Sir, while supporting the Bill, I want to raise two important points. The first point is that we want to achieve transparency in the

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accounts of the Universities and, therefore, ...*(Interruptions)*... we want that annually, their audited reports and accounts should be cleared as the Bill proposes. ...*(Interruptions)*...At the same time, the issue also is that for both the Central Universities and technical institutions ...*(Interruptions)*... we have to hava a certain element of autonomy to develop the role of ...*(Interruptions)*... in the interest of the academic community. ...*(Interruptions)*... In that context, since the Minister is also incharge of the Central Universities and technical institutions, it is an extremely unfortunate case that in NIFFT, Ranchi, the Director is being summarily removed without following the due procedure. ...*(Interruptions)*... Now, on the one hand, we are bringing a Bill to show how concerned the Union Government is about protecting the ...*(Interruptions)*... by ensuring the monitoring of the Universities accounts. On the other hand, it is violating the other aspect of good governance as far as educational institutions are concerned. ...*(Interruptions)*... Sir, by violating the other aspect of autonomy. ...*(Interruptions)*... I want to know from the hon. Minister whether, on this specific issue, she will look into the wrong dismissal of the Director and take appropriate action. ...*(Interruptions)*... With these words, Sir, I support the Bill. Thank you, Sir.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): Do you want to say something, Smt. Purandeswari?

SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI: Sir, it is unfortunate that my colleagues, on the other side, in spite of our granting the transparency, are obstructing ...(*Interruptions*)... Sir, I would love to have their positive participation in this. ...*(Interruptions)*... Now, I commend this Bill to the House for its consideration and passing.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): Now, the question is:

That the Bill further to amend the Banaras Hindu University Act, 1915, the Delhi University Act, 1922, the Jawaharlal Nehru University Act, 1966, the North-Eastern Hill University Act, 1973 and the University of Hyderabad Act, 1974, be taken into consideration.

The motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2 to 10 were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI: Sir, I beg to move:

That the Bill be passed.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM LOK SABHA

The Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2008

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I have to report to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Appropriation (No.2)